

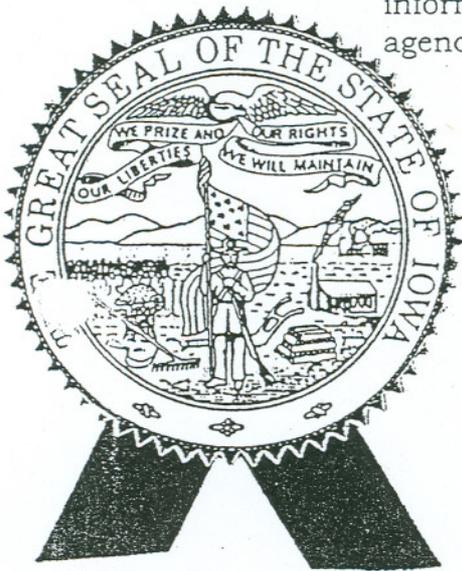
  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 61**

- WHEREAS,** information technology is a vital asset to state government operations and to the public that state government serves; and
- WHEREAS,** the implementation of progressive public policies places an increasing reliance upon information technology services by state agencies and other governmental entities; and
- WHEREAS,** electronic methods for locating, processing, and transferring information are essential linkages between and among citizens, organizations, businesses, state agencies and other governmental entities; and
- WHEREAS,** the continuing development and implementation of information technology expands citizen access to government information and improves government services; and
- WHEREAS,** information technology must be managed with great care to meet the objectives of the citizens and their government.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Laws and Constitution of the State of Iowa, to support state agencies in the development, storage, retrieval, and management of information in electronic formats and to foster and enhance the cost-effective delivery of services to our citizens, do hereby order that:
- I. The authority to coordinate disparate information technology and to provide enterprise-wide information technology services to the executive branch agencies shall be vested in the Information Technology Services (ITS) director appointed by the Governor.

- II. The director shall be responsible for the coordination of information technology among the executive branch agencies to ensure that the components of information technology are compatible.
- III. The director shall, in collaboration with the executive branch agencies, develop, implement, and continuously update as necessary, enterprise-wide standards and policies for information technology.
- IV. The director, representing the executive branch, may, in collaboration with the information technology representatives from the legislative and judicial branches, develop and implement enterprise-wide policies for information technology which, when implemented, will ensure the compatibility and interoperability of state government information technology systems.
- V. The director shall, with the assistance and cooperation of the executive branch agencies, prepare and continuously update as necessary an enterprise-wide strategic information technology plan, developed in accordance with standards and policies established by ITS, which establishes enterprise-wide goals and objectives for the use of information technology, including goals for data integration, interactive communications, and electronic access to government records, information, and services.
- VI. The director shall compile and maintain an inventory of information technologies in use by the executive branch agencies.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 15th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

*Tom E. Branstad*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Paul D. Pate*  
SECRETARY OF STATE